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KANSAS BOARD OF VETERINARY EXAMINERS 26 Feb 16 **Conference Call** 0700hrs

This meeting of the Kansas Board of Veterinary Examiners was called to order at 0700hrs by Board President Dr. Bogue. Board Members on the call in addition to Dr. Bogue were Drs. Bentz. Dodson. Kobuszewski, Layton, Ritter, and Allen. Others on the call were KDA legal counsel Robert Large, Bill Brown, and Dirk Hanson.

Dr. Boque welcomed those in attendance. The meeting agenda consisted of one agenda item of institutional licenses.

Robert Large gave an overview of institutional licensing for KSCVM veterinarians. KSVDL veterinarians were also included in the discussion. Are KSVDL veterinarians required to license also? Are they covered or is what they are doing is the practice of veterinary medicine? What is their relationship to clients at the KSCVM? Diagnosis is specifically listed as the practice of veterinary medicine.

Several comments were made regarding this category of veterinarians. Dr. Gary Anderson (Director of KSVDL) was contacted also. His position was that his staff was there to provide a service to the referring veterinarian and not directly to the client. He did not feel the intent of the language was for KSVDL veterinarians. As a department, Dr. Anderson felt they did not need an institutional license.

It was noted that animals were brought in alive and dead and information from these cases was sent back to the referring veterinarian. It was also noted that several KSVDL veterinarians have not taken the national boards. In addition, there were veterinarians from other countries who serve in support roles within KSVDL. These veterinarians have not had protection for years. Comment was made that the relationship with the client goes back to the CVM clinician or the referring veterinarian. Also, from a global view several companies and organizations utilize consultants who are not licensed.

Questions were also raised about euthanasia at KSVDL and utilizing scheduled drugs by a nonlicensed veterinarian. It was also discussed whether euthanasia falls within the definition of veterinary practice. Consensus was that this topic was another discussion for another time.

Motion was made and seconded for a resolution that only veterinarians who were practicing veterinary medicine on client-owned animals, who actually undertake responsibility to clients and patients pursuant to a veterinary-client-patient relationship, would be required to hold an institutional license. In effect, the board would not require veterinarians with the Kansas State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to obtain an institutional license, due to the nature of their relationship with the public. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion then turned to the licensing process of KSCVM faculty, interns, and residents. Dr. Layton will coordinate directly with CVM with a process of numbered and sealed envelopes. There will be approximately 56 faculty members for licensure with an expectation of 17-20 interns.

The next meeting date will be 10 Mar (Thursday) in Manhattan (KDA Bldg) starting at 1330hrs. A possible meeting date is scheduled on 8 Apr (Friday) with the potential topic of the Veterinary Feed Directive. The next meeting date will be during the Spring Conference in June but other meeting dates or conference calls could be scheduled in the interim.

Meeting was adjourned at 0747hrs.

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